CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method of enabling to program a control device for control of an apparatus, the method comprising:

enabling the control device to detect a representation of an identity of the apparatus;

enabling to communicate first data representative of the representation to a service via a data network; and

receiving second data for programming the control device with control commands for the apparatus.

2.   The method of **claim 1**, wherein the first data is representative of a control signal for control of the apparatus.

3.   A method of enabling to program a control device for control of an apparatus, the method comprising:

receiving from the control device via a data network first data representative of a control signal for control of the apparatus;

determining a set of control commands matching the first data; and

communicating second data representative of the set for being programmed in the control device.

4.   The method of **claim 3**, wherein the determining comprises contacting a third party for acquiring the set.

5.   The method of **claim 4**, further comprising communicating the set to at least one other control device.

6.   A programmable remote control device comprising circuitry for determining data representative of an identity of a controllable apparatus and for communicating the data to a source external to the device.

7.   The device of **claim 6**, wherein the circuitry comprises a capturing circuit for capturing a control signal for control of the controllable apparatus for determining the data.